Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a computer network, a <u>computer-implemented</u> method comprising,

providing a profile schema, the profile schema having profile-related fields arranged into a content document with defined structures for the fields;

receiving a data access request directed to contact <u>profile</u> information, the request including associated identity information; and

in response to the data access request, manipulating at least one set of data in a logical profile document that includes data therein according to the associated identity information, each set of data in the logical profile document structured to correspond to a field in the content document of profile information.

- (original) The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises reading data from at least one field in the logical profile document.
- (original) The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises writing data to at least one field in the logical profile document.
- 4. (currently amended) In a computer network, a <u>computer-implemented</u> method comprising,

receiving a request to retrieve profile data, the request including associated identity information;

reading from a data store to obtain profile data based on the associated identity information;

constructing a profile document including at least part of the data, the document arranged according to a defined schema for profile data; and returning the document in response to the request.

- (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field for extending the schema.
- 6. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a name.
- 7. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to member information.
- 8. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a language preference.
- 9. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a time zone preference.

- 10. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a special date.
- 11. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a user reference.
- 12. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a picture.
- 13. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to gender.
- 14. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an identification number.
- 15. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to work information.
- 16. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an address of a location.
- 17. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an email address.

- 18. (new) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a telephone number.
- 19. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for:

receiving a request to retrieve profile data, the request including associated identity information;

reading from a data store to obtain profile data based on the associated identity information;

constructing an profile document including at least part of the data, the document arranged according to a defined schema for profile data; and returning the profile document in response to the request.

20. (new) The computer-readable medium of claim 19 wherein the schema comprises at least one defined field for extending the schema.